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Dear Dr. Morison:

Judging from past experience I am sure you are if anything better acquainted with the developments at Stanford than I am, but I thought it might be appropriate to confirm them by my own hand. I have had very satisfactory dealings with Dean Alway, and the enthusiasm displayed by Henry Kaplan and Arthur Kornberg, among others, is altogether too contagious. I have accepted what looks like an unique opportunity to broaden the base of my own research. I have been fretful for a long time that its biochemical orientation has not been as strong as it should be and its association with Kornberg and his entire Biochemistry Department should leave nothing wanting in that respect. It took some time to work this out but with the good graces of Avram Goldstein and Kornberg we managed to eke out ample square footage in the new medical center so that my own laboratory program will immediately adjoin their's. Other activities of the Genetics Department which is to be set up will be housed in the nearby Anatomy-Microbiology Building, pending the addition of the next wing.

I am on the point of leaving for Europe; by the time I return in mid-September, our detailed plans for the move should be more definite and I will communicate further with you with respect to the disposition of your present grant to us and other matters. At the moment it is most likely that we will not move to Stanford until next July (along with Kornberg) into the medical center. We may take advantage of the opportunity to spend a couple of months, just before moving, with Cavalli-Sforza in Pavia to continue our joint research projects. We had a most exciting and productive three months during his visit to Madison this spring.

It is especially gratifying to find that John Bowers has no intention of letting my move dampen the progress of the Medical Genetics program here, and I rather expect that it will come out stronger than ever following its reorganization during the next few months.

We are returning from Europe via Stanford, and will be there September 5-10, should you have any correspondence that might best be looked at with me on the spot.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg